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INTERVIEW SUMMARY
Work Assignment ES002
Lower Darby Creek Area Site

(b) (6)

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Name:(b) (6) WITNESS
(b) (6)**Affiliation:**

Area Resident

Telephone:

(b) (6)

Type of Interview:

In-Person

Date of Interview:

February 25, 2002

On February 25, 2002, the WITNESS was interviewed at his residence by (b) (4) (b) (4) of Tri-State Enterprise. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the potentially responsible party search currently being conducted under Work Assignment NO. ES-002 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area, Delaware County, PA (the "Site"). This interview focused on the Folcroft Landfill (Folcroft). The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked and advised that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS advised that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter and did not want an attorney. No other persons were present and this interview was not tape-recorded.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for private citizens.

The WITNESS was shown a map of the Site and this map was used throughout the interview.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his association with the Folcroft Landfill.

The WITNESS stated that he grew up in Folcroft and lived at (b) (6) from about 1952 to 1978. He stated that (b) (6), was very active in the community and had tried for many years to have the Folcroft Landfill closed. The WITNESS stated that (b) (6) is deceased.

The WITNESS stated that he played on the Folcroft Landfill in the 1960s and recalls observing numerous 55-gallon steel drums at Folcroft. He could not recall any names or markings on these drums. The WITNESS stated that he had also observed medical waste at Folcroft. He described this medical waste as bloody bandages and syringes.

The WITNESS stated that he had observed numerous trash trucks enter the Folcroft Landfill. He indicated that he could recall Eastern Industrial trucks on many occasions. (b) (6) indicated that Eastern Industrial operated trucks that were painted bright red and that these trucks were easy to remember. The WITNESS stated that he had observed many other trucks besides Eastern Industrial trucks, however he did not notice and could not recall any names on these trucks.

The WITNESS stated that (b) (6) organized and participated in protests at the site. He indicated that (b) (6) was responsible for organizing the protest that resulted in the placing of a fence across the entrance to the Site causing Folcroft to close.

The WITNESS stated that Folcroft was allowed to operate from approximately 1963 to 1974 by powerful politicians on the old Delaware County War Board. The Witness stated that Bernie McNichol was the owner/operator of the Folcroft Landfill and a member of the War Board. The WITNESS stated that an individual named "Snear" was a member of the War Board who allowed the Folcroft Landfill operation to continue despite the objections of the local community.

When asked the names of any employees at the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS stated that he recalls Ed Mullen as being the manager at Folcroft. The WITNESS indicated that he had observed Ed Mullen and (b) (6) in heated arguments.

When asked if he had any first-hand knowledge of waste disposal activities at Folcroft, the WITNESS stated that (b) (6) had taken numerous photographs of waste being disposed of at the Landfill. He indicated that these photographs are now in the possession of (b) (6). (b) (6) The WITNESS explained that (b) (6) took numerous trips to Folcroft and photographed trucks disposing of waste and the types of waste such as liquid or drum waste.

When asked the names of any individuals that may have relevant knowledge of waste disposal activities at the site, the WITNESS provided the following.

- Al Franks: The WITNESS stated that Al Franks is the brother of Charles "Buck" Franks and drove a trash truck for Eastern Industrial.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed on _____

(Date)

Signed _____

(Name)